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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ATHLETICS

TCU's Del Conte to lead UT sports

New vice president for intercollegiate athletics 'a strategic, forward-thinking leader,' UT's Fenves says.

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Perhaps sensing the Longhorns' fan base needed a jolt, University of Texas President Gregory L. Fenves pulled off a stunning move by luring one of the best college athletic administrators in the business to Austin.

Fenves reached an agreement with TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte to become the new vice president for intercollegiate athletics at UT, two sources told the American-Statesman on Saturday. Both men confirmed the news on Twitter.

In a campuswide email, Fenves said the UT athletic department must be led by "a strategic, forward-thinking leader." The former track athlete from the University of California, Santa Barbara was the athletic director at Rice (2006-09) before spending the past eight years at TCU.

Chris Del Conte will have oversight of both men's and women's programs.

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Del Conte, 49, will have final oversight of men's and women's athletics at Texas. Current women's athletic director Chris Plonsky will report to Del Conte, two sources said. Plonksy, who is traveling with the volleyball team on the West Coast, could not be reached.

Del Conte will replace men's athletic director Mike Perrin, who was hired in September 2015 after Steve Patterson's rocky 22-month tenure. The school had already announced that Perrin's time as AD would end in August 2018.

Del Conte will be officially introduced at a news conference Monday, the school said.

"I felt it was the ultimate oppor-

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A&M, Cal team up in bid to run Los Alamos lab

Alliance competes with UT System to operate nuclear weapons site.

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When the University of Texas System and its competitors – including a surprising alliance between the Texas A&M University System and the University of California – submit proposals to run the birthplace of the nation's nuclear weapons program, they better make sure to use the correct typeface and to format and number the pages properly.

After all, if you can't get those things right, how can you be trusted to manage and operate Los Alamos National Laboratory, which is responsible for designing nuclear weapons and ensuring that they would work as intended, without actually detonating them?

The federal government's 200-some pages of instructions and requirements in its request for proposals to run the lab in the mountains of northern New Mexico range from the mundane – text must be in the Times New Roman font and at least size 12 – to the consequential: Bidders must state how much in fixed

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U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry (second from left) is briefed about the capabilities of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's plutonium facility during a May visit to the lab. LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

LOCAL BUSINESS FOCUS TECHNOLOGY

Construction workers continue to build Oracle's new campus on prime waterfront property southeast of downtown recently. Oracle's investment in Austin is no accident. RICARDO B. BRAZZIELL / AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Oracle high on Austin

Software giant's new campus expected to help transform area south of downtown; executives say it shows Oracle's belief in Austin as a tech hub.

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For 16 months, Oracle's new corporate campus has been taking shape on prime waterfront property southeast of downtown Austin.

The sleek, five-story building will have more than half a million square feet of office space that initially will house 3,000 tech workers, many of them young professionals.

Along with its original land purchase, Oracle bought a new apartment complex, called Azul, just steps from its new office building as a housing option for its employees. The complex, with 295 units, was valued at $76.6 million this year by the Travis Central Appraisal District.

The apartment acquisition marked the first time Oracle bought an apartment building on an Oracle campus.

The campus, an investment of hundreds of millions for the Redwood Shores, Calif.-based software company, is expected to be transformative for a part of

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